

# May, 2009

## Clifty Falls State Park

Interpretive Naturalists: Dick Davis, Hannah Milano; Nature Center Hostess: Marie Pittman  
Nature center hours: Wed-Sun 12-4pm or as posted. ~ 812/273-0609  
Entrance fee: IN plate: Mon-Thu \$4 Fri-Sun & Holidays \$5. Out-of-state plate \$7/day.

Effective May 1, 2009 ~ Clifty's park tunnel is closed to all hiking. In the stewardship of North American bat populations IDNR has closed DNR owned caves and tunnels while authorities determine causes and control measures for the devastating bat affliction known as White-nose syndrome. White-nose syndrome is not presently known to infect or injure humans.

### Saturday, May 2 **Welcome Back Weekend!**

**10am INShape Indiana 2.2 Mile Walk!** You'll be gettin' "INShape" on this pleasant 2.2 mile wellness walk of upland trail and roadside. Starts/ends at the Park Pool bath house. HP/HP

**2-4pm Welcome Back Open House At Clifty Inn!** Welcoming food, fun and treats!

**9pm Welcome Back Bonfire!** At Clifty Inn overlooking the lights of Madison. Join us!

### Sunday, May 3

**2pm Reptile Rap!** It's still a world where you can still come face to face with the unexpected... a dawdling box turtle, a rippling rat snake. See them live at the park's Nature Center!

### Saturday, May 9 **May Bird Count!**

**8am Indiana Audubon May Bird Count!** If you like bird watching this is one of two BIG opportunities to make your birding count. For all skill levels, assist in the Jefferson County IAS Big May Count to learn and enjoy the birds! Meets at the Nature Center! \$1/person IAS count fee.

### Sunday, May 10 **Mother's Day**

**Birds At Our Window** Stop by the Nature Center to enjoy songbirds at arm's length!

**Nature Center is closed May 11-15. Enjoy spring wildflowers and bird song!**

### Saturday, May 16 **Armed Forces Day... We Salute!**

**10am Trails & Rails Hike** Semi-rugged hike explores stone remnants of Brough's Trace... an 1853 pioneer railroad project. Meets at Lilly Memorial. 90± scenic minutes!

**3pm Emerald Ash Borer Awareness!** Campers... watch for our roving interpreter with updates on the Emerald Ash Borer and other natural history notes for the coming season.

### Saturday, May 23 **Memorial Weekend!**

**8:30am Bird Hike** Bring bino's, easy hiking along park road. Meet at the nature center.

**2pm Campground Magic** Campers... watch for our roving interpreter to pause at your campsite with updates on Clifty's adventure filled programs for 2009! In the Campgrounds.

**9pm Coyote Call Sunset Stroll!** A twilight hike you won't forget! Bring flashlights, your sense of adventure, and your best coyote call. Meet at the Campground Office.

### Sunday, May 24

**2pm Snakes Alive!** Meet the best known snakes of the park. Bring your relatives and friends. and wonder at 'em [the snakes, not your relatives]! At the Nature Center.

**5pm Early Evening Escapade!** Relax in this easy upland walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring at day's end. Meets at the campground office.

### Monday, May 25 **Memorial Day! ~ Honoring Those Who Gave All.**

**10am Impressions of Nature!** Make a larger than life whirling dervish flying nosee'um(!) or an origami coyote! Great nature crafts for kids of all ages at the Nature Center.

### Saturday, May 30

**8:30am Bird Hike** Bring bino's, easy hiking along park road. Meet at the nature center.

**11am Fun With Fossils Hike!** Join our late morning hike to the Highbridge Fossil Beds for an exploration of brachiopods, horn corals, and more! Meets in front of Clifty Inn.